

Middle School Building at Halekote

448. Sri H. D. DEVE GOWDA (Holenarsipur).—

Will the Minister for Agriculture and Education be pleased to state :—

(a) whether the estimate for reconstructing the existing country tiled dilapidated Middle School Building at Halekote, Holenarsipur, was countersigned by the Education Department and the tenders were called for by the Executive Engineer, P.W.D., Hassan;

(b) if so, when was the estimate countersigned by the Education Department and when the tenders were called by the P.W.D. ;

(c) the reason for not executing even though all the necessary formalities were observed ;

(d) will the Government complete the work this year at least ?

A.—Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture and Education).—

(a) and (b) Yes.

An estimate for Rs. 20,000 was countersigned during the year 1964-65. As it provided for rates of 1961-62 it had to be recast for Rs. 26,400 and tenders were called for by the Executive Engineer, Hassan, during the year 1966.

(c) The necessary formalities have yet to be observed.

(d) The construction, maintenance and repairs of buildings in rural areas for Government Primary Schools, including Higher Primary Schools, is the statutory responsibility of the Taluka Boards concerned as per the Mysore Village Panchayats and Local Boards Act, 1959. The Director of Public Instruction has been asked to take up the question with the Taluk Board, Holenarsipur and have it expedited.

Tour of the Minister for Public Works]

451. Sri SHARANAGOWDA (Jewargi).—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(a) the number of times the Minister for Public Works was out of headquarters on duty during the period from 1st April 1967 to 29th February 1968 ;

(b) the number of times the Minister was in Gulbarga District ;

(c) the total expenditure incurred by way of T.A. and D.A. ;

(d) whether the Minister during his visits to Gulbarga stayed in Government Guest House, if so, whether he has paid the prescribed rent ;